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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Office Action mailed September 24, 2003, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. The response was initially due December 24, 2003. Applicants herein submit a petition for a two month extension of time to February 24, 2004, under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, with the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 18 of this paper.

The following documents are also enclosed herewith:

- Transmittal letter, petition for a two month extension of time;
- Fee Transmittal with a duplicate copy for processing;
- Exhibits A (USPTO written description guidelines) and B (recently issued claims);
- Rule 132 declaration by Dr. Jay Short, and resume; and
- Postcard.

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